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NOTIFICATION

Consequent upon the approval of the Government, a Research Evaluation and Monitoring Cell (REMC) comprising of the following officers is hereby constituted in the Department of Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim, mainly for evaluating and monitoring all research applications and proposals from different organizations / institutions / individuals within and outside Sikkim, in order to ensure that the benefits of the research reach the Forest and Wildlife Managers:

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| 1. Dr. Thomas Chandy IFS Principal Secretary cum PCCF | Chairperson |
| 2. Mrs. Usha Lachungpa Prin. Research Officer and AD-Sikkim Biodiversity Board | Member Secretary |
| 3. Dr. S. Anbalagan IFS Executive Dir. Sikkim Organic Mission, Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department | Member |
| 4. Dr. Yashoda Pradhan Addl. Director Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department | Member |
| 5. Dr. B. C. Basistha Addl. Director, Department of Science & Technology and Climate Change | Member |
| 6. Dr. Merab Basnet SFS, Asst. Conservator of Forest (NTFP) | Member |
| 7. Dr. Bharat Kumar Pradhan Technical/Scientific Associate, Sikkim Biodiversity Board | Member |
| 8. Dr. Durga Pradhan Principal Scientist, High Altitude Research Centre | Member |

Terms of Reference

1. The REMC will meet once in 2 (two) months to review the applications and proposals, preferably on the last Saturday or as decided by the Chairperson.
2. Proposals directly or indirectly benefiting the State / Government and build local capacity will be encouraged.
3. The REMC shall recommend or not recommend or suggest modification to any research project that may be referred to it and forward the same to the Forest Environment & Wildlife Management Department for necessary action.
4. It shall also monitor ongoing research projects and if not found satisfactory recommend withdrawal of permission to it.
5. It shall also engage in preparation of research projects pertaining to floral/ faunal biodiversity related issues including climate change, human-wildlife conflict etc. either on its own or in collaboration with Sikkim Biodiversity Board and other local/ national institutions.
6. The REMC shall propose new research to be conducted by the Department either by itself or in collaboration with recognized institutions and seek funding from Government or NGOs or other agencies.

By Order

**Dr. Thomas Chandy, IFS
Principal Secretary cum PCCF**